



**Minutes of the meeting held November 20, 2017
Cornhusker Marriott
Lincoln, Nebraska**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Merrell, Chairman
Deborah Borg
David Bruntz
Dennis Gengenbach
John Greer
Jon Holzfaster
Brandon Hunnicutt
Tim Scheer

BOARD MEMBERS - NOT PRESENT

Jay Reiners

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Roger Berry
Boone McAfee
Kurtis Harms
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA

EX- OFFICIOS - NOT PRESENT:

Hector Santiago, IANR-UNL
Mat Habrock, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture

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Dan Wesely, Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.

VISTORS:

David Buchholz, David & Associates
Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA
Rick Gruber, NeCGA
Andy Jobman, NeCGA
Chuck Emanuel, NeCGA
Boyd Stuhr, NeCGA
Dave Dahlgren, NeCGA
Larry Mussack, NeCGA
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA
Steve Ebke, NeCGA
Dan Nerud, NeCGA
Carl Sousek, NeCGA
Tom Nathan, NeCGA
Eric Kamler, NeCGA
Deb Gangwish, NeCGA
Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by David Merrell, chairman. Merrell announced that the notice of the meeting was given and published in compliance with the Open Meetings Law and that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, a copy of which was available for public inspection and review during the meeting.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed until November 21, 2017



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GUESTS

Dave Buchholz, David & Associates
Bob Storant, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture
Chris Barber, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture
David Gregg, World Perspectives, Inc.
Josh Egley, UNL Foundation
Doug Carr, UNL Foundation
Jamie Linn, Husker Sports IMG
Ann Bruntz, Friend

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by David Merrell, chairman.

MINUTES

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2017 meeting.

A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the August, September and October, 2017 fiscal reports as presented.

A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Market Development Committee to allocate \$5,000 from the Cooperator Market Development line item and \$20,000 from the AAE line item, both in the Market Development Committee Budget for a total of \$25,000 for ethanol testing on a car sized engine.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Merrell, Holzfaster, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer

Nay: None

Absent: Greer, Reiners

By a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

NCGA PORTFOLION ALLOCATION

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the NCGA portfolio allocation with the following breakdown:
 - Market Development –
 - \$168,000 – Ethanol Action Team
 - \$36,000 – Feed, Food & Industrial Action Team
 - \$36,000 – Market Access Action Team
 - Consumer Engagement –
 - \$145,000 – Consumer Engagement Action Team
 - Production / Sustainability –
 - \$25,000 – Corn Productivity & Quality Action Team
 - \$25,000 – Freedom to Operation Action Team
 - Public Policy –
 - \$15,000 – Market Access Action Team
 - \$50,000 – Risk Management Action Team
 - Membership / Grassroots –
 - \$20,000 – Engaging Members Committee

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Merrell, Holzfaster, Borg, Bruntz,

Nay: None

Absent: Greer, Reiners

By a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

SECOND TIME FUNDING

- A motion was made to support the CY Thompson Library in the amount of \$100,000, from General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Holzfaster, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Merrell

Nay: None

Absent: Greer, Reiners

By a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

Month	Dates	Year	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
December	4-5	2017	Nat'l Ag Genotyping Center	St. Louis, MO	McAfee
December	6	2017	NCGA Engaging Members	St. Louis, MO	Hunnicutt
December	11-12	2017	NCGA Livestock	St. Louis MO	Berry
December	12-15	2017	NCGA President & A-Team meetings	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Borg, McAfee, Reiners, Berry
December	13	2017	NCGA PAC	St. Louis, MO	Holzfaster
January	8-9	2018	USGC	WDC	Berry
January	11	2018	NCB meeting	York	all
January	12	2018	NeCGA Grassroots	York	all
January	13-29	2018	USGC GEM	Morocco	Jobman
January	18-19	2018	Soil Health Summit	Chicago, IL	McAfee, Borg
January	19-29	2018	4 State Mission	South Africa	Greer, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Wrich
January	20-27	2018	USGC Mission	Japan/So. Korea	Reiners
January	30	2018	Iowa Renewable Fuels	Altoona, IA	Berry
February	5-8	2018	DC Leadership	WDC	Brunkhorst
February	5-9	2018	Nat'l Ethanol Conference	San Antonio, TX	Berry, Holzfaster, Borg
February	12-14	2018	USGC	Houston, TX	Greer, Merrell
February	Feb 26-Mar 2	2018	NCGA Commodity Classic	Anaheim, CA	Brunkhorst, McAfee, Harms, Borg, Gengenbach, Holzfaster, Merrell, Jones, Bruntz, Hunnicutt
March	21-22	2018	Ace Fly-In	WDC	Berry

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel listed on the spreadsheet for the months of December, 2017 and January, February and March in 2018.

A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Merrell provided the opportunity for public discussion.

ADJOURN

- ▶ Finding no further business before the board, Chairman Merrell adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

SUBMITTED BY,

Deborah Borg, Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Zabel, Business Manager